

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 have been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced.

CONCLUSION

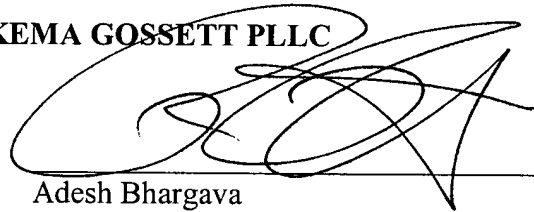
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the above, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 04-2223. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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